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A Treatise on the Constitution of Georgia. By Walter McElreath. (Atlanta: The Harrison Company, 1912, pp. vi, 700.)

This book is written by a member of the Atlanta Bar, and was intended to be of aid to the lawyer interested particularly in the constitutional law of the State. However, this was not the only purpose in view. In fact the book should prove of even greater aid and interest to the layman who would know how the fundamental law of the State came to be what it is to-day. The author does not pretend to make of it more than "a collection and arrangement of material for a study of the constitutional history of Georgia." In this he has admirably succeeded. He has done something more. In Part I, consisting of 181 pages, he has given a good running account of the constitutional background as well as fitted into it the constitutional law as it grew up. The English sources are given ample treatment, and the account ends with the restoration of sovereignty under the Constitution of 1877. The documentary sources have been levied upon considerably, chiefly those in the Colonial and Revolutionary records, published by the State. Of course, the acts and journals of the legislature have been used, as also were good secondary accounts. This part of the volume should especially appeal to those interested in this phase of the State's history. Part II consists of reprints of the great constitutional documents of England and the seven constitutions under which Georgia has lived. Part III gives the Constitution of 1877 up to date, with the interpretations as brought out by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Georgia. This part is of more particular value to the lawyer. The author has done a valuable piece of work, putting in one volume a mass of information, which should appeal to the general reader with a constitutional turn of mind, as well as to the lawyer.

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The Conquest of the Old Southwest. The Romantic Story of the early Pioneers into Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Kentucky. B. Archibald Henderson, Ph.D., D. C. L. (New York: The Century Company, 1920, xxiv, pp. 395.)

This book was designed, undoubtedly, to command a popular interest, as well as to be scholarly. Both purposes have been well carried out. The causes back of the great migration of peoples into the Appalachian system of mountains and their bursting through into the fertile Blue Grass Region of Kentucky and the Cumberland country in Tennessee, are shown both in their romance and in their commercialism. Daniel Boone and the Long Hunters were to a great extent the popular embodiment of the former, while Richard Henderson and the Transylvania Company typify the latter. The constant attrition of many an unnamed hero against the frontier of mountains and Indian opposition brought on fierce wars with the Cherokees and other tribes; but in the end made the conquest of the trans-Alleghany region possible. This is, indeed, a period of romance for the later generations; but for the participants it was a time of scalplings, plunderings and murderings between the savage and the more civilized.

Dr. Henderson has produced an authoritative book on the period under treatment. He has used much unpublished material, as well as other documents. Facts little known or appreciated, heretofore, have been brought out and given their proper setting. The author is saved an immediate adverse criticism of the scope of his "Old Southwest" by the sub-title. But the frontier further south has a prime claim of being a part of the "Old Southwest;" and on this frontier as fierce a struggle for possession of the country was going on as was the case in the regions further north. Some of Elijah Clark's ambitions and efforts stand equal in their daring to many others better known.

Dr. Henderson has produced a very readable, scholarly book, with illustrations, notes, a map of the region, a bibliography, and a good index.

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